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The Honorable Robert E. Andrews
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
506A White Horse Pike
Haddon Heights, New Jersey 08035

Dear Congressman Andrews:

Thank you for your letter of December 20, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Mayor David Ferrucci, Township of Franklin, Franklinville, New Jersey. Mayor Ferrucci expresses concern that the Commission's proposal to assign channel 21 to a television station currently licensed to Vineland, New Jersey, would have a detrimental impact on land mobile operators in the Philadelphia/New Jersey area and possibly result in a severe financial impact on the Township of Franklin and Gloucester County, New Jersey.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed policies for allotting channels for DTV service and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments. (See Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC No. 96-317, released August 14, 1996). In that action, the Commission proposed to provide all existing television broadcasters with a second 6 MHz channel for digital broadcasting. The Commission's plan for allotment of DTV channels would maintain the channels currently used for land mobile operations in a number of major markets, including channels 19 and 20 in the Philadelphia and adjacent New Jersey region. While our draft DTV Table would provide for use of channel 21 in Vineland, New Jersey, we believe that engineering solutions are available for avoiding interference between DTV and land mobile operations on adjacent frequencies. At the same time, we understand the potential for interference between existing land mobile services and new DTV operations in the Philadelphia/New Jersey region. Please be assured that we are carefully evaluating all available alternatives for maintaining the interests of land mobile operators as well as broadcasters as we develop the DTV Table of Allotments.

We will also include a copy of your letter in MM Docket No. 87-268. Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith
Chief
Office of Engineering and Technology

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Mr. Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. St. NW
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write to you on behalf of Mayor David Ferrucci, Franklin Township, PO Box 300, Franklinville, NJ 08322, who has contacted my office for assistance. Enclosed please find correspondence regarding an FCC proposal to assign channel 21 to the broadcast industry. Mayor Ferrucci strongly opposes the proposal.

I would appreciate if you would afford Franklin Township all due consideration under the law in their efforts. In addition I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise them accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Ms. Susan Gronek, at 506A White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, (609) 546-5100, Fax: (609) 546-9529. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Andrews

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Member of Congress

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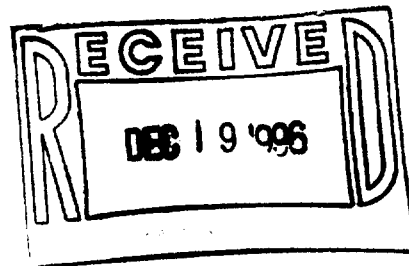
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November 27, 1996

The Honorable Robert Andrews
United States Representative
63 North Broadway
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Dear Congressman Andrews:

RE: David Ferrucci, Mayor
Township of Franklin
P.O. Box 300
Franklinville, NJ 08322



I am enclosing copies of a self-explanatory letter I recently received from David Ferrucci, Mayor of Franklin Township concerning a proposal by the FCC which would effect the reassignment of Channel 21, to the broadcast industry.

While I appreciate Mayor Ferrucci's concerns, as a state legislator, I am unable to directly affect those matters that are under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

I would be most appreciative if you would review this situation to insure that the concerns expressed by Mayor Ferrucci are thoroughly addressed.

Please forward any pertinent information or correspondence concerning this matter to the attention of my legislative aide, Perri.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Dalton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean F. Dalton
Assemblyman, Fourth District

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enclosure
cc: David Ferrucci

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RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE
ASSIGNMENT OF CHANNEL 21 TO A TELEVISION BROADCAST STATION
WITHIN THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY/PHILADELPHIA REGION

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WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Gloucester County, New Jersey that the Federal Communications Commission, hereafter referred to as the ("FCC") is considering assigning Channel 21 to a television station for broadcast in the Southern New Jersey, Philadelphia Region; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has been notified by the Gloucester County Emergency Management Coordinator, James Hogan, and through the Gloucester County Communications Center, James P. Flaherty, Director, that the assignment of Channel 21 to broadcast would have a detrimental and devastating impact on land mobil communication uses throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, TV Channel 20 bandwidth is presently designated for land mobile use pursuant to FCC Codes in the Southern New Jersey, Philadelphia Region; and

WHEREAS, within that Region over 600 licensees, including the County of Gloucester and its multiple County Agencies including Communications, Emergency Management, Fire Marshall, Sheriff's Office, and Special Transportation Services operate on that TV Channel 20 bandwidth; and

WHEREAS, if the FCC reassigns Channel 21 bandwidth to the broadcast industry, the above mentioned agencies as well as all municipal public safety agencies including 53 fire companies, 27 ambulance squads and 23 municipal police departments will be unable to use their currently assigned Channel 20 bandwidth; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that other frequencies recovered by the FCC could be given to displaced radio users including Gloucester County and its related municipal agencies with frequencies in the ranges of 54 to 72, 76 to 88, and 698 to 806 MHz range; and

WHEREAS, the County Communication Center has advised the Township of Franklin, and the Township of Franklin has so confirmed, that a majority of its communication equipment currently in use could not be converted to these higher frequencies and would require the purchase of new communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this forced purchase of new communications equipment would cost the Township of Franklin hundreds of thousands of dollars and overall, approximately, 17 Million Dollars in costs for the Gloucester County and Municipal Agencies, many of which are local volunteer organizations;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin is hereby opposed to the proposal to re-assign Channel 21 to the broadcast industry, thus

effectively ending land mobile communications on the TV Channel 20 bandwidth and causing the Township of Franklin and numerous Gloucester County and Municipal Agencies to change communication channels and be forced to expend a minimum of 17 Million Dollars for new communications equipment; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission in care of Chairman Hundt, United States Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Frank Lubiando, New Jersey State Legislatures Senator John J. Matheussen, Assemblymen George Geist and Assemblymen Sean Dalton, Gloucester County Freeholder Stephen R. Salvatore and Daniel Mangini and all municipalities located within the County of Gloucester.

ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on Tuesday, November 12, 1996.

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

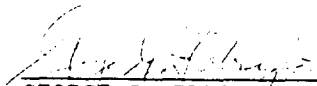
BY: 
DAVID FERRUCCI, MAYOR

ATTEST:


GEORGE G. FABRIZIO, CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I, GEORGE G. FABRIZIO, CLERK, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on Tuesday, November 12, 1996.


GEORGE G. FABRIZIO, CLERK